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#### Introduction

- The Goldwater-Nichols DoD Reorganization Act of 1986 sought to ensure the Combatant Commander's authorities were commensurate with their responsibilities
- Congress, via Goldwater-Nichols, intended to increase the influence of the Combatant Commanders by giving them control over some resources affecting their commands
  - Combatant Commanders were permitted to have their own operating budgets
  - The SECDEF would include in DoD's annual budget request the Combatant Commander's budget proposals for :
    - joint exercises, force training, contingencies and selected operations
- Goldwater-Nichols Act changes were codified into US Code,
  Title 10 Armed Forces, Chapter 6 Combatant Commands



# Historical Background

- 1986: Goldwater-Nichols Act permits Combatant Commanders to submit their own operations budget proposals
- 1987: Chairman, JCS (CJCS) polls the Combatant Commanders regarding their desire for their own budgets -- only Southern and Central Command wanted their own budgets
  - Joint Staff and the other Combatant Commanders felt separate budgets had drawbacks such as: lack of staff to perform budget functions, limited budget experience and duplication of the services' programming and budgeting functions
  - DoD decides NOT to submit separate Combatant Commander budgets upon the recommendation of the CJCS and the DepSECDEF
  - Combatant Commander's believe Goldwater-Nichols gave them sufficient authority to influence the services' budgets to meet their funding needs



## Historical Background

- 1999: CJCSI 8501.01, CJCS, Combatant Command and Joint Staff Participation in the PPBS, describes how the Combatant Commanders will interface within DoD to obtain funding from the services
  - Focus is on funding the Combatant Commander's operational needs
  - Combatant Commander's submit to the components, responsible commands and the services their budget proposals for inclusion into the President's budget
    - May include joint exercises, force training, contingencies and selected operations
  - Does not address funding of routine administrative or logistic support for the Combatant Commander's headquarters sustainment



#### Solution

- DoDD 5100.3, Support of the Headquarters of Combatant and Subordinate Joint Commands, establishes Executive Agents to provide administrative and logistic support of the Combatant Commander's headquarters
  - Includes essential base operating costs, as defined by DoDD 4000.19, for the Combatant Commander's headquarters
  - Direct support of Major HQ activities IAW DoDD 5100.73
  - Does NOT include ops support/theater engagement activities
  - Limited to 'co-located headquarters activities' only
  - Disputes over support to be provided will be elevated through the service for resolution
    - If not resolved at the service-level, the dispute is then forwarded thru JCS to OSD for final disposition



### Solution (cont'd)

- DODD 5100.73, 'Major Department of Defense Headquarters Activities', provides the specifics:
  - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
    - Admin management, documentation, pubs & reproduction services
  - LOGISTIC SUPPORT:
    - Management of supply, maintenance, transportation, procurement, production and materiel programs
  - DIRECT SUPPORT OF MAJOR HQ ACTIVITIES:
    - Professional, technical, administrative or logistic support essential to operation
      - Staff support: policy/program analysis or formulation
      - Operating support: secretarial, editorial or computer systems services



## Solution (cont'd)

- DoDD 4000.19, Interservice and Intragovernmental Support, describes types and categories of base operating support to be included in an Interservice Support Agreement (ISSA)
  - Combatant Commander EA's responsibility is to fund 'essential base operating support'
  - Categories of base support are described in DoDD 4000.19, Enclosure 6
    - The Combatant Commander specific ISSA will determine if the provided base operating support is reimbursable or not
    - Required base support services will be documented on DD Form 1144, 'Support Agreement'



## Solution (cont'd)

- The Combatant Commanders submit their headquarters management administrative and logistics support budget requests to their service Executive Agent
  - Program elements (PEs) for Combatant Commander administrative and logistic support have been assigned
    - The Combatant Commander EA PE definitions include a reference to DoDD 5100.3 to indicate support of Combatant Commander EA admin and logistic requirements
  - The budget requests are validated through the service's funding review processes
  - The service then includes the Combatant Commander's administrative and logistics requests in their annual budget request



## Conclusion and Future Impact

- Each Combatant Commander is assigned a service Executive Agent to provide administrative and logistics headquarters management support in DoDD 5100.3
- Combatant Commanders submit their operational budget proposals to their supporting components, responsible commands and the services IAW CJCSI 8501.1
- Disputes over the amount or type of Combatant Commander support to be provided will be elevated through the service for resolution
  - If not resolved, the issue will be forwarded through JCS to OSD for final disposition